

Charles Faulconer and Jerry C. Spellman Receive the French Legion of Honor



ON JUNE 5, 2016 the French Legion of Honor was presented to Charles Faulconer A-319 80th Division by B. G. Vincent Cousin, Head of the Military Mission at the Embassy of the Republic of France. The event was attended by 350 people at the Sheraton Hotel in Roanoke, VA.



PRIVATE FIRST CLASS Jerry C. Spellman, U.S. Army receives the French Legion of Honor Medal at American Legion Post 283 in Pacific Palisades, California, on March 9, 2016 from The Honorable Christophe Lemoine, Consul General of France, Los Angeles.

History of The National Order of The Legion of Honor

During the French Revolution all the orders of the kingdom were abolished. It was the wish of Napoleon, the First Consul, to create a reward to commend civilians and soldiers regardless of their stature in life. In 1802, a Légion d'Honneur, (Legion of Honor) was established as the first modern order of merit. The Légion was open to individuals of all ranks and professions. The order is France's highest award and is conferred upon men and women, either French citizens or foreign nationals, for outstanding achievements in military or civilian life. The President of France is the Grand Master of the Order and appoints all other members of the Order — by convention, on the advice of the Government. Its principal officers are the Chancellor and Secretary-General. The order has five classes: Grand-Croix (Grand Cross); Grand Officier (Grand Officer); Commandeur (Commander); Officier (Officer); and Chevalier (Knight).



WELL WE COMPLAINED about it being so cold and wished it would warm up. That little Genie in the Bottle granted our wish. It is now hot and getting hotter. This week we will see 80's and low 90's. Should be warm enough for all of us!!

Since the last edition of our magazine we have celebrated Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. I hope that each of you were able to spend some time during both days with your family and friends and to remember those that this great Nation has lost so that we are able to maintain our freedom. The Fourth of July always brings families together and lots of picnicking, fireworks, and concerts. Happy Birthday USA!

Most of us are in our routine of yard work and trying to keep ahead of it. All that rain we had in June kept the grass growing faster than we could keep it cut. The yard was so wet that it squished when you walked in parts of it. Yards are a lot of work but they look so pretty when you are able to keep them maintained. I have some Leland Cyprus Trees on one side of the property line and had to trim them a little so that they did not hang over on the adjoining property. Also I was almost lying down on the mower to try and cut around them.

We have a herd of deer that come around every day. They make their way from the gully down the road and up through the woods to our pond. I have seen two little fawns that still have their spots. They are so cute to watch

and don't get to far away from momma. Young bucks are growing their horns back and have the velvet on them.

I have only seen one snake so far. It was a black snake and was about four feet long. It slithered on into the woods and I haven't seen it since. That is perfectly fine with me. So far I haven't seen any snakes around the pond. They just give me the creeps.

Reunion time is getting close. I hope you have made your room reservations and sent your registration and check to Bill Black. All the information is in this edition of the magazine as well as it was in the last edition and you should have also received a copy in the mail. Hope to see as many as can attend in Alexandria. It is going to be a full week with lots of activities.

Please continue to pray for our Soldiers especially those that are deployed. The 80th has Soldiers in several locations and not all locations are safe.

It's great to get updates about special events in your lives and I enjoy including them in the magazine. We don't get to visit much but this magazine is a way to keep up to date with events going on in our lives as well as our families. Keep me updated with any change of address/phone number/email address.

GOD bless each of you and remember the 80th "Only Moves Forward"!!

See You in Extraordinary Alexandria!

Bill Black, Reunion Chair



IT IS MY PLEASURE to invite each of you to the 97th Annual Reunion of the 80th Division Veterans Association, August 17 – 20, 2016 in beautiful Alexandria, Virginia. This year, the Holiday Inn and Suites Alexandria Historic District, will be our host hotel for the reunion. We invite all veterans and friends and descendants of veterans to join us for this year's reunion.

We are planning a fantastic reunion this year and invite you to participate in as much – or as little – as you would like. There will be two optional bus tours this year, one each on Thursday and Friday. Thursday will take us just a short drive from the hotel to the Mount Vernon home of our first President, George Washington. We will plan to have lunch and spend the afternoon at Mount Vernon.

On Friday, we have a packed day as we will be boarding our bus and enjoying lunch at the Fort Myers Officers Club and then a memorable visit to the World War II Memorial. Time permitting; we are planning some additional stops and a windshield tour of the National Mall. We will return to the hotel for our Friday night family buffet and then head back out for an evening of honors and festivities at the Marine Corps Barracks, hosted by the Command Sergeant Major. An evening U.S. Marine Corps parade is also planned.

We are thrilled to announce some fantastic guest speakers this year. On Friday, World War II researcher, historian and author, Jennifer Holik, will be speaking. Jennifer is an expert on researching veteran records and has helped countless family members trace the steps of their loved ones. She has written numerous books on how to do this,

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Commander's Message

DOUGLAS KNORR

National Commander

AS I WRITE THIS message we have just finished observing our community Memorial Day service. I was pleased

to see an overwhelming turnout, and as I stood among them, I was once again reminded of the tremendous sacrifice every one of our family members and multitudes of friends have paid to keep America Free! As General John A. Logan said in his Memorial Day order, "they made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes!"

Probably, the one thing that has been most enlightening for me during my involvement with the 80th Division Veterans Association these past years is the continual thankfulness of the people of France and Luxembourg. They have continued to not only remember but have also

shown their great appreciation over and over again for all that the 80th division did for them.

A great way for us to continue to show our thankfulness for what our men and women have done for us in the 80th is to purchase a memorial brick to remember your family's veteran. In addition to creating this lasting memorial of thankfulness to your loved one, it will also help to fund the ongoing needs of the 80th Division Veterans Association.

In closing, I would like to remind you, that if you have not yet made your plans to attend the reunion in August to do that today. Bill Black our reunion chairman has put a really exciting reunion together and it will be a great time to meet old friends and make some new friendships.

I look forward to seeing you all this coming August when we come together again for the 97th Annual Reunion of the 80th Division Veterans Association in Alexandria VA.

May God Bless You and May God Bless America!

Reunion... continued

along with recounting some of the greatest stories she has discovered in her research. Jennifer will be with us throughout the week and happy to answer any questions you might have. She has recently made two trips to Europe and walked many of the battlefields where the 80th walked. You will be very impressed with her knowledge and research ability.

Saturday night, we will have international guests for our Commander's Reception and dinner. Erny Kohn, President and Tom Scholtes, Secretary, of the Luxembourg-based CEBA organization will be our speakers. The CEBA organization has been instrumental in helping erect numerous 80th Division monuments across Luxembourg, including the latest one in Nocher, Luxembourg in January, 2015. They were instrumental in the very first 80th monument that was unveiled in 1975 near Heiderscheid, Luxembourg.

CEBA is dedicated to ensuring future generations of Luxembourgers never forget the sacrifices made by the United States to secure their liberation (twice) from Nazi Germany. Most specifically, they focus on the actions from the Battle of the Bulge (Dec. 16, 1944 – Jan. 25, 1945). In addition, they welcome U.S. veterans and their families and provide services such as battlefield tours, memorial and museum visits and red carpet hospitality. Erny and Tom will bring greetings from the people of Luxembourg and share some of their favorite 80th Division stories.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

1. Make your plans to attend and complete the registration form printed in this issue of the Blue Ridge magazine, and send payment to the address on the form.
2. Reserve your room at the hotel. You can do this by calling the hotel at 703-548-6300 and tell them your attending the 80th Division Veterans reunion. The reunion rate for this year is \$105.00 plus tax. That rate includes breakfast buffet for two each morning. You must secure your hotel reservation before Friday, July 22, 2016 to insure you can use the group rate.
3. For those of you flying to the reunion, Alexandria is just minutes from the Washington-Reagan National Airport. The hotel offers complimentary shuttle every half hour.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Bill Black, Reunion Chairman, at 404-493-6601 (call or text); or via email at williamrblack@gmail.com

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See you this August in Alexandria!

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S/Sgt Guyowen H. Howard's Account of the Liberation of Valmont, France

THIS IS MY FATHERS account of the Liberation of Valmont. Dad was assigned to B-317 80th Division. After Dad was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge near Neiderfuehlen, Luxembourg, he spent time in hospitals in France and when not receiving treatment, he participated in training. He wrote home about every day and at some point began writing his experiences in combat. He was 33 years old and had a wife and two small children.

Here is the account of the Battle of Velemont

It really was not a battle, it was an attack. I said in my last letter I was proud of the job. In one sense I was, although there were certain things I had just as soon forget. We came through the woods which the first and third platoon had cleared. They had so much hard luck that we could use a reserve platoon so we all line up together to make the attack. At the very edge of the woods was a ditch, each squad leader lined his squad up on line with the other. There were 69 men in the Company not counting the weapons platoon, of course they are always in the rear.

In front of us was an open field and across it, about 500 yards, was the town of Velemont. The town sat in a sort of hollow just below the slope of a small hill. The order was to charge out of the woods and move fast, keeping well apart, and as soon as we drew fire to open up. Shoot everything in front of us. If mortar and artillery came to move right on through it without slowing down. We got ready and finally the time came. We rushed out of the woods and across the field. We had moved forward but about a hundred yards when a machine gun cut loose and we opened fire on bushes along the edge of town, rises in the ground or mounds of dirt, windows, church steeples, everything a man could possibly get behind or in. One mortar came our way but we keep going, running and a shooting, hollering like cowboys of the wild west. I see two Germans run across an open gate. I fired at them as they dashed by another opening but missed. Once I looked around and see that the others were about 50 yards behind me. I dare not stop as some unseen Jerry might pull a bead on me so kept moving. Hitting the edge of town I stopped against a high stone wall, pulled the pin on a hand grenade and tossed it over the wall in case some Jerrys were on the other side thinking about doing the same thing. It didn't come back so I guess the coast was clear.



SSG Howard in France after being wounded



SSG Howard after returning home Nov 1945

About that time the Captain came up to me. The rest of the boys were also coming up on line. He said, "Howard, a squad leader usually stays in the center of his squad and not in front of the whole Company."

Well, I had it on him too. I told him a company commander usually stayed in the rear of the Company. He said, "I guess we are a couple of suckers, what do we do next?" Two boys came up from my squad and then went through the gate.

We covered them then we moved through and they covered us. The rest of the company was doing likewise in other places. We came into a big courtyard. On our right was a big stone barn, on our left was a stable and wagon shed. All thick-built stone buildings. Directly in front was a stone building about the size of Scotia High School.

The walls on all these buildings were about 30" thick. Every house in this country is a small fort and the cellars are built with walls and ceilings about three to four feet in thickness. I moved past the barn, ducking as I went by windows and moved up to the large stone building. The Captain followed. We went through all the rooms. Some doors were locked but we rifled the locks. We didn't find a thing in them. Coming out I noticed long slits in the openings to the cellar. They were I would say three foot long and six inches wide and each was covered with a slab of wood. You couldn't push them in, they had to be pried out. I opened one and called in but no answer. I was tempted to toss in a pineapple but something kept me

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S/Sgt Guyowen H. Howard's Account... continued



Building where Guy Howard found people taking cover in the cellar



Door to cellar



Opening that Guy Howard exited the cellar to keep from going back through the suffering people

from doing so. One of the boys moved up and asked if he could. I said, "better not." Finally I found an outside entrance and called down. A voice said back, "don't shoot, me Pollock."

He opened the door, I leveled my gun on him and told him to come out. I never saw a man so afraid in all my life. Just as he started to come out the Germans started to shell the town from the East. He closed the door in my face. I told the Captain I was going in. He kept me covered and I went down and made the Pollock open up. I told him I was American and before I knew it, he grabbed me and kissed me on the cheek.

I asked if any Bosch. He shook his head and showed me in. The next few minutes I will never forget. There were about 500 people in that cellar. Young, old, living, dying and dead, also wounded. Some spoke English. They said Thank God you have come. It was so crowded I don't think my feet touched the floor once while going through. Some shook my hand, others kissed me on the cheeks. Little children with blood still running from their wounds tried to get up to me. One girl about 25 years of age lay on a cot dying. As I came near her she put out her hand and said in good English, "Thank God you have come. I go in peace now." I turned away, the sweat running off me like water. I wanted to get outside before I passed out. Coming to the back end I opened a door. The exit was plugged with concrete and steel from shell fire. I thought, have I got to go all the way back through. No, I couldn't. I pushed up through a small opening and out to the open air once again.

A couple of boys stayed with the CO and I with the rest walked around the left flank of town. The Jerries had had

enough. They started to come out of the building with their hands up. We got 63 prisoners and 18 lay on the ground. No more trouble from them. Many of the prisoners were wounded. Some from their own artillery, but most from rifle fire. Leading out of town to the East were big trees. Each tree was notched and ready to be blown down making a road block. I would say there were a 100 of them. As a German tried to get up to where he could set off the charges which were wound around each tree and wired up to one main point, my B. A. R. man cut loose on him. He didn't get his work done.

We search out all the houses. As we were going down one street, a woman called out, "Yanks, come here I have a prisoner for you. She had lived in Philadelphia. The prisoner even though a German soldier, I think was a brother of hers. They looked much alike. No doubt it was a wise move on someone's part. Anyway we took him. They give us French coffee, milk and bread. We found out from this woman that we were out numbered five to one. Most of them got away, but we did a good job. We took all their equipment, wagon loads of blankets, ammo, three artillery pieces, a dozen or more machine guns. The job was done. We had to move east of town and dig in while the rear move into town and sleep in good warm places we had taken. It's always that way. The riflemen and machine gun get the dirty end of everything. I went on patrol that night to boot.

The Germans threw artillery until 2 A.M. but it wasn't effective. At six A.M. we moved East again. I will save that until another time. My writing isn't so good today.

I get butterflies in my stomach when I go over this stuff.

AS ALWAYS, I would like to thank Andy Adkins, Gary Schreckenghost, and Ben Jarratt for the great jobs which they are carrying out. Andy is great at delving into the records of WWII, "Schreck" has turned out four volumes of books based on WWI, and Ben has been busy presenting WWI history to our young students, a very vital need. ("Lest We Forget").

I am continuing to research items as requested by families and friends of veterans, but also find that the scope of activities expands to include historic research for personnel and organizations beyond the 80th.

A recent request was received from a military research group in Italy. A group of metal detecting individuals found some WWII G.I. dog tags and turned them over to the military research group. This group contacted me, and asked if I could help return the dog tags to the families of the G.I.s. To date, one dog tag has been sent to me; after much research, and with the aid of the County Veterans' Affairs office, we made a public presentation to the family of Earl Young, in Danville, PA.

I also researched, located, and visited the grave of another WW I veteran, George Hillman, in Wise, VA.

The Historian has attended a number of Veteran – related activities. These included a Memorial Service at the Salem, VA. Veterans' Hospital and the Interment of Carl Overstreet, Air Force Pilot of the first U-2 flight over Russia. The interment was at the Arlington National Cemetery. Additionally, I attended the "June 6th Annual Dinner" in Roanoke, VA., at which our comrade, PFC Charles Faulconer received the French Legion of Honor Knight's Medal. A great honor! Also, I attended the large "Dedication of Pavers" recently at the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Va.

I have received a group of WWII photos from Barbara Brockman, daughter of Clarence "Brock" Brockman, that were in Brock's estate. The discs holding digital copies of "The Capt. Hazelgrove WWI Official Pictures" have been sent to Andy for inclusion in our web site archives.

A power-point presentation is now in progress, depicting fatal military aircraft crashes in the Greater Roanoke area. The initial database for this presentation is the research performed over a period of years by Pastor/Chaplin Jeff Clemens.

Let's look forward to a great Reunion of the 80th Division Veterans' Association in August!

Talk about a Bird's Eye View!

AN EAGLE'S FLIGHT from the top of the world's tallest building to his handler below. On Saturday, 14th March, an eagle was fitted with a camera and released from the top of the 2,715 foot Burj Khalifa in Dubai.

The eagle has no idea where the tiny speck of land was that his handler is standing on or what it looked like among all of the other islands and buildings and people. Somehow from that altitude, the eagle actually picks out and recognizes the trainer from all of the other objects, people, etc.

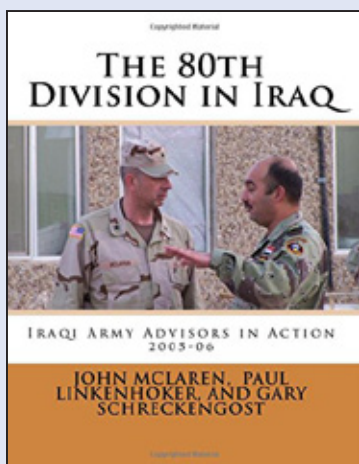
You can see him looking, looking, looking for the trainer, completely invisible to a human eye and the camera, then fold his/her wings and then drops like a bullet straight to that trainer... very cool. What surprised the experts is not only how efficiently the eagle spots his trainer from that altitude, but how smooth its flight is with no camera shake whatsoever, even when it goes into a power dive. Guaranteed enjoyment. **Here is a link to the film:**

http://www.flixy.com/world-record-eagle-flight-from-worlds-tallest-building.htm?utm_source=nl

for the uncut version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=um8M9azpmb4>





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by Gary Schreckengost and John McLaren
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80th Monument at Carlisle

MAJ (R) SCHRECKENGOST and his grandson visited the 80th Memorial at Carlisle and was amazed to find the area dry. Many of you will remember that when we visited last year it was very wet. Apparently someone has improved the drainage. Thanks to whomever performed that task.

Second Annual MiTT Reunion of Soldiers in the 80th Division

Greetings,

I hope everyone is having a good summer thus far. Apologize for the long delay in communication, but it has been a very busy spring at work.

The date for the second MiTT reunion is set for Saturday, Oct. 1st at James River State Park in Gladstone, Va. As was the case last year, I have pavilion # 1 reserved from 8am to 8pm. I figure we would get this thing started about noon with a small program before we eat.

We have the same gentleman from last year preparing the BBQ for the event. I will be working through SFC Torrance to get an estimate of the total cost for the food, but generally speaking it's about ten dollars per person for a plate of BBQ and the side items. The idea has always been to make this thing fairly cheap for all involved.

I have re-activated the GoFundMe account so for those that wish to contribute a few bucks online can do so. The GoFundMe link is: <https://www.gofundme.com/2016MiTTReunion>

James River State Park has campsites and cabins for rent for all those interested in staying the night. I am planning on getting a campsite myself this year and telling war stories with the fellas after the official reunion ends. You can google James River State Park and get all of the information and contact numbers for the park and for reservations. All of that information will be included in a more formal reunion letter that I will be sending out in the next week.

The biggest challenge is tracking folks down after ten years and getting an address or an e-mail address to alert them of the reunion. I will include the MiTT alert roster in my next communication and ask for your help in tracking down more folks this year.

So, there it is for now. Mark your calendars and hope for weather as good as we had it last year. Stand by for further information and feel free to RSVP if you think you can make it.

Regards,
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RECENTLY, I DID A POST about Sgt. Ed Glofka, Company C, 702nd Tank Battalion Red Devils. Today, I get the heartbreaking news that my buddy Ed has passed away. Our mutual friend Bill Carley, also of Company C said he was notified by Ed's daughter-in-law today that Ed died at home alone yesterday, May 18, 2016. It breaks my heart to lose yet another old friend to the ravages of time like this. But, that time comes to us all. Ed lived one hell of a life. He entered service in 1943 as a member of Company C, 702nd Tank Battalion, fought through the war, and all the hell that it was, and came out the other side relatively whole and unscathed.

Ed was the commander of a 105mm Sherman tank C-17 and was highly respected by his fellow tankers as a tough, no-nonsense combat tanker. From the hedgerows of Normandy, France, the horrible battle at the Bloody Moselle River, all the way to Hitler's vaunted Siegfried Line, through the hell of the Battle of the Bulge, into Germany and across it, helping to liberate the Nazi "Labor" camp at Buchenwald, down to Austria and helping to liberate the Nazi "Labor" camp at Ebensee, and ending the war by chasing down the last fighting German soldiers in the Austrian Alps. Ed Glofka lived through it all. The hell he witnessed cannot be described in mere words.

Even at his advanced age, Ed's memory was as sharp as a tack. Of the hundreds of vets that I have interviewed over the years, Ed Glofka had the sharpest memory of them all. Ed was a historian's dream for me. And all of his memories checked out and were 100% correct! Ed helped me correct a story in my book about a 702nd officer who lied about his actions, and was awarded a medal for bravery. This officer was in fact, a coward, lied about his cowardice, then counted on his men not countering his lie with the truth, on the threat that he would make their lives hell. Ed told the truth, and the truth is now part of the historical record.

A little over a year ago, I got a request from members of the 80th Infantry Division Association, who were looking for veterans to take a free trip to Luxembourg to be honored for the liberation of a town that had been the scene of a particularly brutal battle during the Battle of the Bulge. Ed fought in that battle, among hundreds of others. Out of all the 702nd and 80th veterans that I knew, Ed was the only one still in good enough health to make the trip back to Luxembourg. He was reluctant at first, but I managed to talk him into it, so he could represent his fellow tankers of the Red Devils who had fought and died to liberate Luxembourg from Nazi domination. Ed, along with four men from the 80th Division made that trip.



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Ed Glofka... continued

They were treated like the heroes they were by the good people of Luxembourg and Belgium. Ed had one hell of a good time, and was very happy that he made that trip, even though he got sick as a result. It was one of the happiest moments in his life. It made him deeply proud to represent the 702nd Tank Battalion Red Devils and the 80th Infantry Division Blue Ridgers!

I loved Ed Glofka deeply. He was my buddy. He was a sincerely, genuinely good man. He was very proud of his Polish ancestry, and knew Polish history better than anyone I have ever met. Ed was a devoutly religious man. Ed was very conservative in his politics, and deeply hated the way that our current president has run down our country and our military. Ed stayed current on what was going on the world, and he had strong opinions about what was going on. Ed was a true joy to talk to, for his blunt honesty, his sharp memory, and his friendly manner. I'm seriously going to miss this man.

To Ed, I'd say thank you for your great friendship, and thank you for being you. Thank you for helping to rid the world of a great evil, and serving your nation as a true patriot. Until we meet again!

A Red Devil never dies, he just rolls on!

WWI Centennial at Ft. Lee

FT. LEE IS COMMEMORATING its centennial throughout the next year. We plan to commemorate the centennial organization and training of the 80th Division at Camp Lee the weekend of 15-17 September 2017.

We have a section of WWI trench line that was dug by the 80th Division and have invited the 80th Division WWI living history unit to participate in this commemoration. The plan is for them to demonstrate how the 80th Division trained stateside for deployment overseas, and interpret the trench system.

Since this is a part of your heritage, we would like to partner with you on this. We are in the early stages of this and would like your ideas on how to make this a great heritage and centennial event.

Rich Killblane, US Army Transportation Corps Historian

NOTE: For more information on the WWI Centennial, contact the 2017 Reunion Chair, Paul Stutts (803-507-5599, paulstutts@bellsouth.net)

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Buchenwald Memorial, Weimar, Germany

SUNDAY, 17 APRIL 2016, was the traditional ceremony of the Liberation of the Buchenwald Concentration Camp, and the opening of a new exhibition in the Museum of Buchenwald Memorial, former Buchenwald Concentration Camp. This is a modern exhibition paid for by the German Government. Approximately one hundred visitors and guests were in attendance including 44 survivors from different countries, ambassadors, politicians, officials and citizens.

On display are various exhibits which include: the beginning of the Holocaust and the German citizens, companies, and factories who were involved; the slave workers of many occupied countries; the life and hardships of the inmates—the killings and beatings; SS personal and the terror they inflicted; the resistance of the inmates; and of the Liberation.

Unfortunately, there is not much information about the 168 Allied Airmen of Buchenwald. Only information about Lt. Beck (US Army Air Force) and the diary of James Stuart (RAF). However, the remembrance plaque for the Allied Airmen is in good condition and visitors lay flowers on the plaque. This shows that you are not forgotten.

In another exhibit there are photographs of Buchenwald that were taken mostly by U.S. soldiers after the war. Some are very terrible to see.

Bernd Schmidt, of the U.S. Veterans Friends Germany Association, in Weimar states:

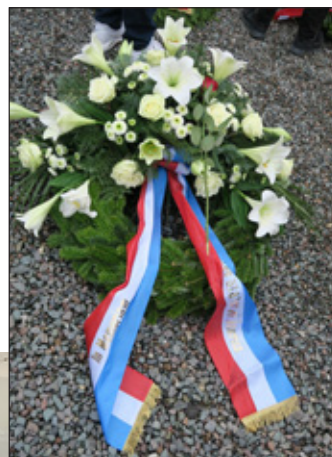
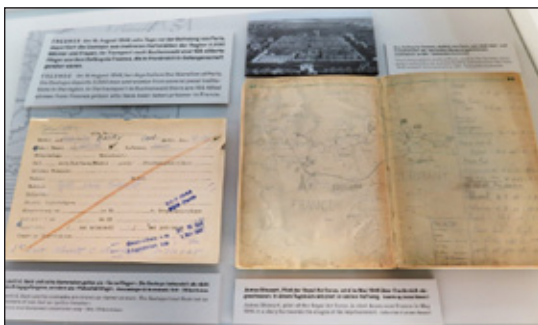
“Several years ago I helped the staff of Buchenwald Memorial find some pictures. Now I’m very proud to read my name on the list of people and institutions who gave their assistance for it.

I wish you all the best and a very good health. Take care.”

visit the Memorial online at:

<https://www.buchenwald.de/en/144/>

below: Bernd Schmidt at the Allied Airmen plaque.



Mabel & Robert Burrows Celebrate 70th Wedding Anniversary



MABEL AND ROBERT BURROWS share a piece of cake, just like on their wedding day, from their 70th wedding anniversary cake at the Broomfield Community Center on March 6, 2016 in Broomfield, Colorado. The couple, who were married in 1946, have 6 children, 17 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. The couple married when Mabel was 19 and Bob was 21 just after Bob came back from fighting in World War II. (Photo by Helen H. Richardson/The Denver Post)

Enjoy the full story at:

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_29603391/broomfield-couple-celebrates-70-years-marriage-and-counting



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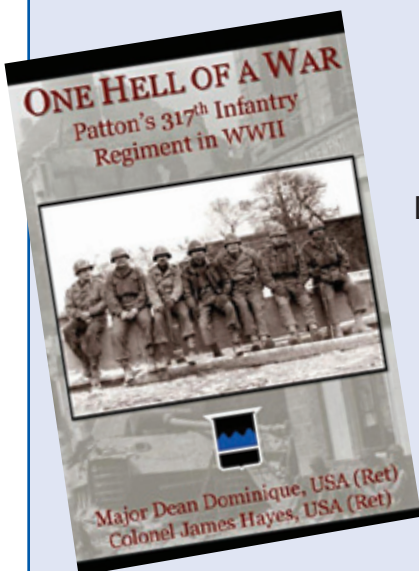
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The last date I have entered a name is June 1, 2016

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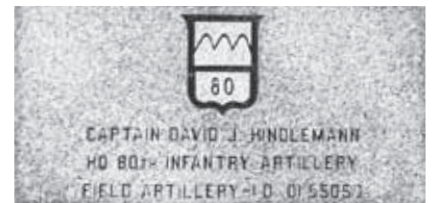
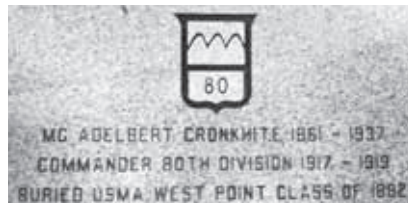
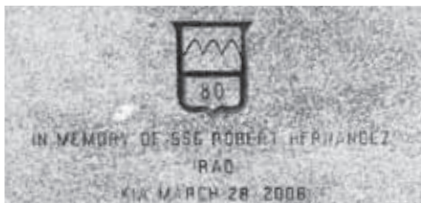
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